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For eight years Flora's love affair with Fin was a whirlwind of fun and spontaneity - but when Flora wanted to settle down and have children, Fin vanished.

Life moved on and Flora's world filled with other people, other cares. There were benefits to being single - no socks under the bed, no mess in the bathroom - even if the memory of Fin could never be completely erased.

But then suddenly, shockingly, Fin reappears. He's a changed man, he says, and her wants her back. Is this a chance to put right the wrongs? Or a massive mistake?

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Dale Harcombe says

Having read and loved Thursdays in the Park, Hilary Boyd's first novel, I was excited to pick this one up from the library recently. I loved the cover and couldn't wait to read it. I happily settled down to what I was sure would be a good read. Sad to say, those feelings did not last long. For the first while I was right there with Flora but as the book progressed I spent most of time wondering, 'Why am I still reading this book?' Or feeling like throwing it across the room.

The problems for me were the characters primarily. I found them aggravating. Flora nearly drove me crazy the way she overlooked Fin's obvious faults. In my opinion, Fin was a loser from the beginning and was never going to change. Fin and Flora had spent eight years together before he suddenly walked out without any explanation. Then he comes back into her life. Should he get a second chance? Debatable. Do I believe in second chances? Yes I do. But not in this case. I didn't understand at all what Flora loved about Fin. For my view, he had no redeeming features. As for Flora's sister, the less said about her the better. The character I did like was the very elderly patient Dorothea, Flora was nursing. Wanting to see if she was being abused by a carer kept me reading for much of the book. I also liked Flora's young niece Bel.

I wasn't convinced by the ending either. Just a little too convenient and neat. Other readers but have a different view but I finished the book extremely disappointed. Will it stop me reading another book by this author? Probably not. See, I do believe in second chances! Hilary Boyd is a better writer than this book showed. Sad to say, only one and a half stars for me on this book.

Derrian says

After reading and enjoying Thursdays in the Park, I thought I'd give her new book a go. It was ok as far as an easy read goes, but it didn't keep me captivated and some of the plot lines were a bit unbelievable at times.

Nothing to write home about!

Mintti says

Read this in English. It was surprisingly ok for a chick-lit light read. The story wasn't too predictable and the characters were very lifelike and relatable. It was about a woman who worked taking care of an elderly lady and lived in the basement of her sisters home. That was because she had a mental breakdown a few years ago when her boyfriend just disappeared and left her without a note or anything. She plunged into deep depression and now is just about climbed out of that deep hole. And what happens, her ex, Fin, just reappears in a grocery store, and he wants back into her life... What will she do? Can you guess?

Marjan says

Best de moeite van het lezen waard maar had ook in minder bladzijden gepast

Sommige dingen repeteren zichzelf , jammer want is wel boeiend geschreven maar door dat langdradig uitmeten heb je de neiging bladzijdes over te slaan

Bookread2day says

Flora has been in a relationship for eight years with Fin and was woken up with a start as her boyfriend Fin had not come home. She automatically tried his mobile phone but got no answer. Flora tried the hospital and went to the police desperately trying find him. As time went by with no Fin appearing Flora fell into deep depression.

But when Flora is shopping in a London supermarket she bumps into Fin.

Hilary Boyd is one of my favourite authors .

Ct says

I thought chick lit would make for lighthearted reading but this book is really depressing. it talks about the bad human characteristics as well as growing old and dying.

I picked up this book cause I wanted a break away from stress but I felt even more depressed and frustrated after reading it.

as for the main female character, I felt shes completely characterless and weak.

Jill Shapcott says

Very disappointing book, read after having enjoyed her previous book, Thursdays in the Park. Fin, the love interest, was the most annoying person and you could not imagine why he was allowed to 're-enter Flora's life. Her relationship with Dorothea was touching and her niece, Bel, came across as believable. The book was too long and very predictable.

Henny Penny says

I previously read Thursdays in the Park by this author, which led me to read and review this book. It's a romance set in London, which deals with the issues of love, loss and moving on, it was well written and a nice story I would recommend.

Megan says

I enjoyed the unpredictability of this story and I really rooted for Flora to get her life on track and to reach the elusive HEA. This book was a lot less romance and more about other relationships we have; the twists and turns you encounter in life and how they define you. **3.5 stars**

Lynda says

I loved this book and the characters with all their faults .Read it in 3 days as couldn't put it down and would definitely like to read more by this author in future.Brilliant.

Ruth Mcauley says

I found this novel to be mildly entertaining, but no great work of literature. I could see all the plot twists and revelations coming a mile off, and began to get impatient, waiting for things I had guessed at already to be revealed. The pace of this was too slow for me, and I found myself skipping ahead and missing chunks of the book. Perhaps because of this, I was unconvinced by some of the characters, and the love story.

Selle says

I am actually rooting for Simon since the start of the story. hahaha

P.S. I'm a bit offended how the Filipina nurse, mentioned in the story, acts towards her patient, as i am nurse myself. ts3!

Gail says

After reading a terrifyingly creepy novel, I needed something lighter and opted for this. I hadn't heard of Hilary Boyd before so didn't know what to expect.

I absolutely loved it, I was hooked from page one. Yes it's obvious from early on what is going to happen but I didn't care at all. I just loved Flora, Dorothea, Simon, Mary and Bel.

From the start we learn that the love of Flora's life (Fin) vanished 3 years ago with absolutely no explanation whatsoever. She spent a year being severely depressed because of it and is now living in the basement flat of her sister Prue's house in London. She had previously been a nurse in A&E but for the past two years has worked as a private nurse for the elderly and very frail, Dorothea.

As you can gather from the title of the book, Fin casually walks back into Flora's life and expects to take up where they left off. Flora is torn between her complete and total love for for Fin and the heartache he caused

her 3 years previously.

The relationship between Dorothea and Flora is more than just nurse and patient; there is a very strong bond between them and Flora is devoted to Dorothea.

I wept terribly towards the end of the book and didn't really want it to end.

I am now seeking out Hilary Boyd's previous novels as I don't want to miss out on any more of her wonderful books.

Highly recommended.

Anita says

I read this as an audiobook and found that the narrator really couldn't do male voices, which really distracted from the story. She also made most people sound like they were from the 1920s.

3 years ago, Flora spiraled into depression after her boyfriend Finn of 8 years suddenly left her with no explanations as to why. Now, working as a private nurse for an old lady and living in the basement flat of her sisters house, Finn reappears claiming he has changed and wanting her back...

All of the characters annoyed me and seemed to be caricatures-Flora was a complete doormat. Not a great book, but a quick read.

Cat says

I really enjoyed reading this book. You immediately feel for Flora and ultimately end up wishing she could see sense. The only thing I struggled to believe with this book was Flora and Finn's ages - my mind just wouldn't believe they weren't in their late twenties to early thirties. A great style of writing.
